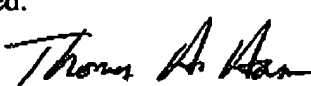



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: INK-002		
Application Serial Number: 10/829,593		Filing Date: 04/21/2004		Examiner: Rachuba, Maurina T.		Group Art Unit: 3723
Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS USING ONE OR MORE POLISHING SURFACES						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	113	MINUS	113	0	\$25	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	11	MINUS	11	0	\$100	\$ 0.00
<p>____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> ____ one month (\$60) ____ three months (\$510) ____ two months (\$225) ____ four months (\$795) </p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0.00
<p>____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.</p> <p>____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><u> X </u> No additional fee is required.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <u>4/11/2005</u> Date </p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">  Thomas H. Ham Reg. No. 43,654 </div>						
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir/Madam:

In the Office Action dated March 11, 2005, the Examiner has asked the Applicant to elect from one of the following three groups:

Group I: Claims 7-9, 24-30, 53-67, 86-97 and 103-107, drawn to a method, classified in class 451, subclass 41.

Group II: Claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102, drawn to a combination, classified in class 451, subclass 011.

Group III: Claims 108-113, drawn to a subcombination, classified in class 451, subclass 402.

Furthermore, the Examiner has asked the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species from a list of alleged patentably distinct species.

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In response, Applicant elects without traverse Group II: Claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102, drawn to a combination, classified in class 451, subclass 011. Furthermore, Applicant elects without traverse "species 1, figure 1."

5 Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102 related to the elected Group II in the patent application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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